

2020 Action Agenda Draft Outline (April 21, 2008)

April 29-30 Leadership Council meeting

Discussion Purpose

- Present and discuss current outline for the Action Agenda
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Introduction:

Brief section on why we are doing this; who is the Puget Sound Partnership; what is the Action Agenda; why is it important to act now. Lead in to the four questions.

1.0 What is the current status of Puget Sound's health and what are the biggest threats to it?

This problem statement summarizes the status and threats to the Puget Sound ecosystem at the Sound-wide scale, across all six goals. It serves as a 'bookend' to define where we are today. The section is informed by the sound-wide status and threats analysis (or risk analysis) as well as action area profiles that summarize local status and threats. Topic forums will explore science and policy issues about status and threats in detail.

- 1.1 Problem statement. The problem statement will describe key constraints to the ecosystem for the six goals and how they are integrated, incorporating the following work:

1.1.1 Risk Analysis

1.1.2 Topic Forums

- 1.2 Summarize the status and key threats for each of the seven action areas
Action Area Profiles:

- Action Area general description
- Unique ecosystem features of the Action Area
- Ecosystem constraints (status and threats)

- 1.3 Summary current management approach to Puget Sound

1.3.1 Topic Forums

1.3.2 Inventory of current efforts

2.0 What is a healthy Puget Sound?

Identifies measures and targets to assess our progress toward Puget Sound recovery. Also serves as a 'bookend' that tells us where we should be headed. This section is informed by the legislative definition of the six goals, as well as science-based indicators to guide actions, outcomes targets and benchmarks for reporting. Some analysis of ecosystem good and services will be included.

- 2.1 Goals from the legislation (6)
- 2.2 Science-based features of a healthy ecosystem.
 - 2.2.1 What indicators can be used to measure the health of Puget Sound?
Provide an introduction to the concept of indicators and refer to detailed description in the appendix. Include some examples or short list of report card/dashboard indicators.
 - 2.2.2. Targets and benchmarks for indicators.
For those indicators that have been well-established by the scientific community, provide examples of how targets and benchmarks will be used to assess progress in attaining the health of Puget Sound.

3.0 What actions should be taken that will move us from where we are today to a healthy Puget Sound by 2020?

This section is intended to provide an overall policy framework that outlines what we will need to do as a region to protect and restore Puget Sound. This strategic and tactical approach will address each goal individually and weave issues together at the ecosystem level. The section will be informed by high-level principles to guide decision-making about where to focus, and criteria for identifying near-term actions. Work in the topic forums and the collected inventory of current actions will also inform the content.

- 3.1 What is our current approach? Describe our current fragmented system for managing the Sound. What are the gaps between the scientific evidence about the ecosystem and the actions we are presently taking? (Note that this may be moved to the problem statement section or it can serve as an introductory section here.)
- 3.2 Principles and priorities for ecosystem management in Puget Sound.
- 3.3 A very short list (3-4) overarching system-wide strategies needed
 - 3.3.1 Overview of strategies and approach for each goal. Provide a description of the work that is needed in Puget Sound, including what actions are on track, which ones need to be modified, and what new actions are needed to address the threats. This description will address the objectives in the statute, and incorporate the policy and management findings from the topic forums.
 - 3.3.2 Overview of strategies and approach for each Action Area, including role of the action area in achieving the overarching strategies and for each goal
 - 3.3.3 Criteria and guidance for the types of actions that will be consistent with the strategic direction (could move to section 4)

- 3.4 Monitoring and Adaptive Management strategy
- 3.5 Accountability strategy
- 3.6 Funding Strategy
- 3.7 Overview of strategic science needs
- 3.8 How will the Action Agenda evolve in the future? (Could be moved to section 4)

4.0 Where should we start?

Identify near-term actions that follow from the strategic direction. The section will be informed by the collected inventory of current actions and will develop actions for the Partnership and other state agencies where Partnership has statutory responsibility.

- 4.1 Priority actions at the ecosystem scale: Near-term plan with tasks, responsibilities and commitments.
 - 4.1.1 Capital
 - 4.1.2 Policy
 - 4.1.3 Education/outreach/communications
 - 4.1.4 Monitoring/scientific research/modeling (summary of two-year science work plan)
 - 4.1.5 Funding
- 4.2 Priority actions at the Action Area scale
- 4.3 Near-term actions to the Puget Sound Partnership as an agency
 - 4.3.1 Action Agenda
 - 4.3.2 Coordinated monitoring and adaptive management program
 - 4.3.3 Accountability program
 - 4.3.4 Funding strategy
 - 4.3.5 Communications and outreach

APPENDICES

- A. Summary of the Sound-wide Risk Analysis
- B. Topic Forum discussion papers (six individual and one cross-topic)
- C. Supplemental material from the Action Area Profiles (if needed)
- D. Provisional Ecological Indicators
- E. Ecological Monitoring and Adaptive Management Strategy (possibly the Strategic Science Plan)
- F. Summary of Inventory of Current Actions
- G. Accountability System Overview
- H. Funding Strategy
- I. Summary of Outreach and Public Engagement for the Action Agenda process